

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
April 23, 2003

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division  
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
May 2003  
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-03-184  
Filed 04/11/2003**

For gas bills issued during May 2003 MDU is decreasing its Propane Cost charge by \$.436 per dekatherm (dk) for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current Propane Cost charge from \$8.673 per dk to \$8.237 per dk.

The propane price decrease of \$.436 per dk is a result of the lowest price MDU obtained from its regional bulk wholesale propane suppliers. The change in the price of propane is generally driven by a combination of crude oil and natural gas prices, weather, demand, and inventory levels.

This PGA change will decrease the May bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 4.0 dk by \$1.74. There were 308 propane customers in Hettinger as of February 28, 2003.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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**Case No. PU-399-03-184**

I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane  
purchased gas adjustment for May 2003, Case No. PU-399-03-184.

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